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# Realtor charged with attempted murder



A police cruiser sits outside 66 Links Dr., the home of Labib Khawas, inset, who was charged Monday with two counts of attempted murder after his wife and daughter were attacked. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO, INSET: COLDWELLBANKER.CA

## Domestic dispute. Suspect held in custody while police gather more evidence

An Ottawa real estate agent is facing two counts of attempted murder after he allegedly attacked his wife and daughter in a domestic dispute that sent the pair to hospital with "serious traumatic injuries" late Saturday.

Labib Khawas, 55, appeared in court via video link Monday as the attempted murder charges were read to him. He stood motionless and only mumbled a broken "yes," when the judge asked him if he understood.

Paramedics responded to Khawas's home at 66 Links Rd. near the Canadian Golf and Country Club around 11:15 p.m. Saturday night for a domestic assault. When they arrived, they treated Khawas' wife Dianne and his 20-something daughter Jenna for serious injuries.

Paramedics would not confirm or deny reports that Jenna had her finger sliced off with a butcher knife and

Dianne was slashed in the neck. The couple has another daughter Nadia and another university-aged son named Adam. Neither was injured.

Khawas is a real estate agent at Coldwell Banker on Woodward Drive, but his bio and photo have already been removed from the website. Staff at the Ottawa real estate firm wouldn't say much, only that they are trying to deal with the news as best they can.

"We are dealing with the situation to the best of our capabilities and we have a lot of people working with us to figure out what to do, next steps. Obviously, we are shocked," said vice-president of operations and chief financial officer Beth Moore.

Khawas's wife Dianne is vice-principal at John Young School in Kanata and recently made headlines in the city for implementing an anti-bullying campaign at the elementary school. Staff at the school wouldn't comment, but said their "thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time."

Khawas is expected back in court Thursday.

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**Ruled non-suspicious**

## Cops ask for help identifying body

Police in Ottawa are asking for the public's help in identifying a body found floating in the Ottawa River April 29.

Hydro workers discovered the body in a reservoir off the Ottawa River. Police have ruled the death non-suspicious, but need help identifying the man.

He's described as a white male between 50 and 65-years-old and about six feet tall. He had a grey, unshaven beard and weighs about 190-220 pounds.

The man was wearing a green hooded jacket, a burgundy top as well as a blue top with white stripes. He was also wearing one-piece thermal underwear under black pants and had black Doc Martin work boots. He was also wearing leather work gloves.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Service central general assignment section at 613-236-1222 X5166 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 or 1-800-222-8477. **TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO**

**Free week up for grabs**

## Summer camp lottery offered

The City of Ottawa is raffling off a free week of summer day camp to 50 kids whose parents who register by June 2, 2014. All registrations received by that date will automatically be entered into the draw. Each camp sign-up counts as a chance to win, the city said in a news release.

For a complete list of camps available and contest details, visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca).

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Police direct traffic at a railway crossing near the Fallowfield station on March 11 as workers repaired a defective controller. OONA WOODS/FOR METRO

# Crossing signal failures cost city \$0

## Access to information.

Cops sent to Barrhaven's glitch-riddled level crossings were working regular hours

If Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson is expecting a cheque in the mail from Via Rail to pay for the cost of hiring police officers to monitor malfunctioning rail crossings in Barrhaven, he better expect the total to be \$0.

After telling several media outlets last week that, "obviously there is a cost because when you're sending police out to make sure that people are crossing safely, that costs taxpayers money," it turns out

there actually isn't a cost. At least, not any extra cost.

An access to information request filed by Metro revealed that the handful of times police have been dispatched to the Barrhaven rail crossing following signal glitches — all have been "on-duty" calls that did not dip into any overtime or additional resources. The document also states police were called by "another agency" other than the city on March 11, which also "does not represent a cost for the Ottawa Police Service."

Watson announced last week he would be going after Via Rail to foot the bill for any added costs related to the nine rail crossing signal malfunctions over the last three months. Now, it seems there

**Quoted**

**"There is a cost, you have a police officer going to that call, it costs something. It's not overtime, but that officer is being taken away from other duties."**

Mayor Jim Watson refuting that the cost to monitor malfunctioning rail crossings in Barrhaven costs \$0

isn't a bill to pay, but Watson still feels it's a cost to the city. "Our office checked with the chief's office and everything they do, there is a cost to it," he said. "There is salary of the officers, there is the wear and tear and the gas in the vehicles and the time they are there."

This latest development is yet another bullet in the constant mud slinging, finger pointing affair that has Via Rail and the city at each other's throats over who is responsible for the malfunctioning rail crossings. Watson said he has put finances on the backburner so the city and Via can just focus on fixing the crossing — which has failed nine times in the last three months.

"The public's confidence in the signals is next to zero," said Watson, adding that he is hopeful Via Rail's May 15 technical report will be a tell-all tale as to why the signals continue to malfunction. "There are literally thousands of people crossing those crossings everyday."

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## 'Briefly dead' man running to save lives

Touted in promotional materials as "briefly dead," Toronto police Const. Andrew Rosbrook, 48, of 54 Division, started the first leg of a planned 470-km run from Ottawa to Toronto Monday — exactly one year from the day he collapsed from a heart attack and nearly died during a half-marathon, before being revived by paramedics with a public-access defibrillator. On May 5, 2013, Rosbrook was within sight of the finish line of Toronto's annual spring half-marathon when he suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. Rosbrook, seen here pounding the pavement near Hunt Club Road and Riverside Drive, hopes his run, sponsored by Two Men and a Truck and Heathwood Homes, will promote awareness for the need for public access defibrillators. Despite his scare he was back running a month after his heart attack. JOE LOFARO/METRO

# Baseball team asking public for their name

**Lumberjacks, anyone?**  
Mayor weighs in on important first step for Can-Am team ahead of 2015 inaugural season



**TREVOR GREENWAY**  
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If Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson took a shot at naming Ottawa's new Can-Am baseball club, the team would be donning flannel uniforms and its players would be sporting toques and mountain man style beards.

"Well, I like the Ottawa Lumberjacks, but the Redblacks have sort of taken the mascot," said Watson. "That is our history of our city and lumber with the baseball bats."

It's not just the uniforms Watson has figured out, but

even team apparel, colours and the mid-game baseball theme song. Watson even half-crooned the tune for Metro.

"And I like the old Monty Python song, 'I'm a lumberjack and I'm okay,' that could be the seventh inning stretch song," he chuckled.

"I should be in marketing."

He said he has four other names he's been working out, but he is going to save those for Twitter once he has figured out team colours, jackets and hats.

Watson isn't the only one who can weigh in, as Ottawa's new baseball team, which will hit the diamond in 2015, is calling on the public to name the team with a contest. Whoever picks the winning name will receive a pair of 2015 season tickets and other prizes.

Those wishing to enter are urged to email their most creative baseball team name to [info@ottawaprobaseball.com](mailto:info@ottawaprobaseball.com)

### Sports fans rejoice

**"I am very excited about it, because we will have had a great year this year with the Fury and the Redblacks."**

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson on the city's new baseball, soccer and football teams

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The team will square off against two other Quebec baseball teams as well as several other independent teams in North America.

If Watson doesn't win the tickets, you'll likely see him on the sidelines, powering through peanuts and crackerjacks.

"I am very excited about it, because we will have had a great year this year with the Fury and the Redblacks," said Watson. "And then to cap it all off in 2015, we will have a Can-Am baseball team."

### Getting acquainted

## CFL fans invited to Redblacks camp

The Ottawa Redblacks will be opening their inaugural training camp to fans.

The new CFL team announced Monday it will hold its 2014 training camp at

Carleton University at Keith Harris Stadium and fans can attend all open practices.

"With the team entering the Ottawa sports scene, we thought it was essential to hold camp as close to home as possible so our supporters can get a close-up view of their favourite players," said Jeff Hunt, president of sports

with the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group in a news release.

League rookies will report to camp on May 28, while veterans are expected to check in on May 31. The first official day of camp will be June 1, with the first practice scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

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# Tweed sends out its first medical marijuana shipment to customers

**Puffing out a profit.**  
Publicly traded Smiths Falls firm's shares trading higher

Tweed Marijuana, Canada's first publicly traded medical marijuana company, says it has shipped its first orders of the drug to clients.

Tweed (TSX:TWD) started trading on the Toronto Venture Exchange last month and has a market capitalization of more than \$113 million.

The company said Monday that the marijuana was produced at its Smiths Falls facility, near Ottawa, and complies with federal regulations.

New federal rules that started April 1 require marijuana users to get their medical pot supply from commercial growers. But a federal court injunction



Chuck Rifici of Tweed Inc. says the publicly traded medical marijuana company will make more strains available. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

in March allows some users to continue growing their own pot until a wider constitu-

tional challenge of the regulations is heard — a ruling Health Canada says it plans to appeal.

Under the new system, patients send a form signed by their doctor to the commercial

producers of their choice. The marijuana will then be shipped directly to them using a secure

courier, such as Canada Post or a private company.

"The team at Tweed is committed to making more and more strains available as quickly as possible," Tweed CEO and co-founder Chuck Rifici said in a news release.

More than 37,000 Canadians are authorized to possess marijuana for medicinal purposes, such as minimizing the effects from a variety of ailments ranging from cancer to spinal cord injury to attention-deficit disorder.

Health Canada has said the number of patients consuming medical marijuana in the country could increase to between 300,000 and 400,000 within a decade.

As of early February, Health Canada had received more than 450 applications from prospective producers, with about 25 new applications arriving every week.

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# Battle for premier of Ontario starts in suburbs of Toronto

## June 12 election.

Leaders for the Liberals, Conservatives and NDP hit the hustings, all starting in the vote-rich 905 region in the GTA

Campaign buses for the June 12 Ontario election rolled for the first time from Queen's Park Monday, heading directly to the vote-rich suburban area surrounding Toronto, known as "the 905" because of its original area code.

A sign of where the real battle will be fought, all three party leaders visited the heavily-populated and fast-growing region, which was a mix of Liberal and NDP seats provincially but where many ridings are held federally by Conservatives.

Premier Kathleen Wynne's campaign bus crawled north through rush hour traffic on Highway 404 to her old high school in Richmond Hill, where she talked to students about the importance of leadership and how to make a valid argument without attacking your opponent.

"At this very school, I learned that if you want to really have everyone come

on side, in the end it's about being positive and not tearing each other down," said Wynne.

Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak ventured west to a recording studio in nearby Mississauga, where he talked about his five-point plan to create one million jobs over 10 years.

"What the province needs right now is a premier who is focused like a laser on job creation and a long-term plan to turn our province around, not short-term popularity," said Hudak. "My message here: there is hope. There's going to be opportunity. There's going to be a million new jobs."

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath campaigned in Brampton, including some old-fashioned "mainstreeting," where she attacked her opponents and said the New Democrats would protect the average voter.

"The Liberal government has been plagued with scandal and with waste and basically put a budget together to try to cover up, frankly, their dismal record," said Horwath. "The Conservative party spent a lot of time making noise and causing trouble but not really focusing on the results of Ontarians." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Kathleen Wynne



Tim Hudak



Andrea Horwath

Ontario party leader, from left, Liberal Kathleen Wynne, Conservative Tim Hudak and NDP Andrea Horwath, are shown in recent photos. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### PC leader Tim Hudak

## *'I'm not going to back down'*

The Conservatives decided to make public Monday their statement of defence in the \$2-million libel suit filed against Hudak, the PC Party and energy critic Lisa MacLeod over allegations they made against Wynne regarding the deletion of emails on two gas plants

cancelled by the Liberals.

The Tories deny they did anything wrong when they suggested Wynne "oversaw and possibly ordered the criminal destruction of documents" related to the \$1.1-billion cancellation of gas plants in Mississauga and Oakville prior to the 2011 election.

"I'm not going to back down," vowed Hudak. "When people see a billion

dollars (added to) their hydro bills, blown to save Liberal seats, there's another reason why we need change."

In the statement of defence, the Tories say they had a "legal, social and/or moral duty" to make the comments that the Liberals claim were defamatory.

Wynne said she wasn't worried about the impact of the libel suit on the

election campaign.

"When there are false allegations made, it's very important that I stand up to those and that I make it clear that that's unacceptable," she said.

"So the legal process will carry on, but we're now into a period where it's important to talk about how we're going to make Ontario a better place." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Quoted

"At this very school, I learned that if you want to really have everyone come on side, in the end it's about being positive and not tearing each other down."

Premier Kathleen Wynne, speaking to students at her old high school



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A Martian space habitat is shown in this artist's rendering. The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to the red planet has been reduced to 54 as Mars One pared down its list of candidates on Monday.

BRYAN VERSTEEG/SPACEHABS.COM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 54 Canadians remain on Mars standby list

## Fantastic voyage.

Ambitious Mars One project pares down the number of potential applicants for one-way mission to red planet

The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to Mars has been reduced to 54 as Mars One pared down its list of potential worldwide candidates on Monday.

The Dutch-based non-profit organization said 705 people still remain in contention and will be subject to an interview by their selection committee.

The Mars One project, an ambitious plan to establish a permanent human settlement on the planet begin-

## Seeing red — they hope

Initially, Mars One had an applicant pool of more than 200,000 from 100 countries, including 8,243 Canadians.

- Last December, the organization reduced that to 1,058 candidates, including 75 Canadians.
- One-third of those were eliminated, leaving the current crop of 705.

ning in 2025, is the brainchild of Dutch entrepreneur Bas Landorp.

The 54 Canadians remaining are divided equally between male and female candidates.

Christy Foley, a 33-year-old Alberta government employee, is among the can-

didates who'll get an interview.

Foley said Monday she's not having any second thoughts about the one-way trip and is still very excited, adding her family doctor appeared surprised when she explained the reason for a complete medical.

"He said he never had this type of request before, so I guess Edmonton doesn't produce many astronaut wannabes," Foley said.

She and her husband had both applied when the call went out, but he was not chosen.

The majority of the remaining 54 Canadian hopefuls are from the Toronto region, but there's also a large contingent from British Columbia. Alberta and Quebec are next on the list, but other provinces also boast candidates. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Redford returns to legislature



Former Alberta premier Alison Redford  
DEAN BENNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former Alberta premier Alison Redford has returned to the legislature for the first time since she quit more than a month ago.

Redford is now a government backbencher representing the riding of Calgary-Elbow.

She has not been in the house since she stepped down March 23, but says she has been working in her constituency.

She did not answer ques-

tions on stories that have made headlines since her resignation, including a plan to have taxpayers build her a lavish penthouse suite on top of a government building.

Redford says those issues have been addressed by others in government and she has nothing to add.

She says her time away included a much-needed family vacation in Palm Springs.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Military. Canadian officer testifies harassment led to his desertion in Florida

An officer in the Royal Canadian Navy who pleaded guilty to desertion testified Monday that he left his post on a ship after he was subjected to deplorable behaviour that included a colleague urinating on his cabin floor.

Lt. Derek De Jong, 43, told a court martial that while he was wrong to leave his post aboard HMCS Preserver, he was harassed and his commanding officer failed to properly investigate his concerns.

De Jong left the supply vessel on Sept. 17, 2012, while it was docked in Key West, Fla., and he returned to Halifax, where he turned himself in to military police.

He said there were a series of incidents leading up to his desertion that began in late August that year.

On Aug. 20, De Jong had a conflict with another crew member over the handling of alleged misbehaviour by a female subordinate, he told his sentencing hearing.

The next day, a female offi-

cer came into his cabin while he was still asleep, pulled down her pants, squatted and urinated on the floor, he said. De Jong said he reported the incident to the supply officer and the ship's commanding officer but no formal inquiry resulted.

He said a senior officer later joked, "Some men have to pay for a service like that," and a sign was briefly attached to his cabin door that said, "Women's head," a reference to a nautical term for a woman's bathroom.

"I don't think people should have to tolerate this kind of behaviour," De Jong said Monday.

He said after the incident he felt he was working in a "toxic" environment, and he heard secondhand that he was no longer welcome in the wardroom among officers and other colleagues.

The maximum sentence for desertion under the National Defence Act is life in prison. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Elections

### NDP calls on PM to answer questions about robocalls

The NDP wants Prime Minister Stephen Harper to explain how the Conservative party's massive database wound up being used to send misleading robocalls to voters during the 2011 election campaign, with a motion planned to move Tuesday asking to study the ways the database was used as "a voter suppression tool." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Opposition

### Compassion demanded for soldier with PTSD

Opposition parties accused the Harper government of breaking its word, demanding the military show compassion for Master Cpl. Kristian Wolowidnyk who attempted suicide last year and has been put back on the fast-track for dismissal. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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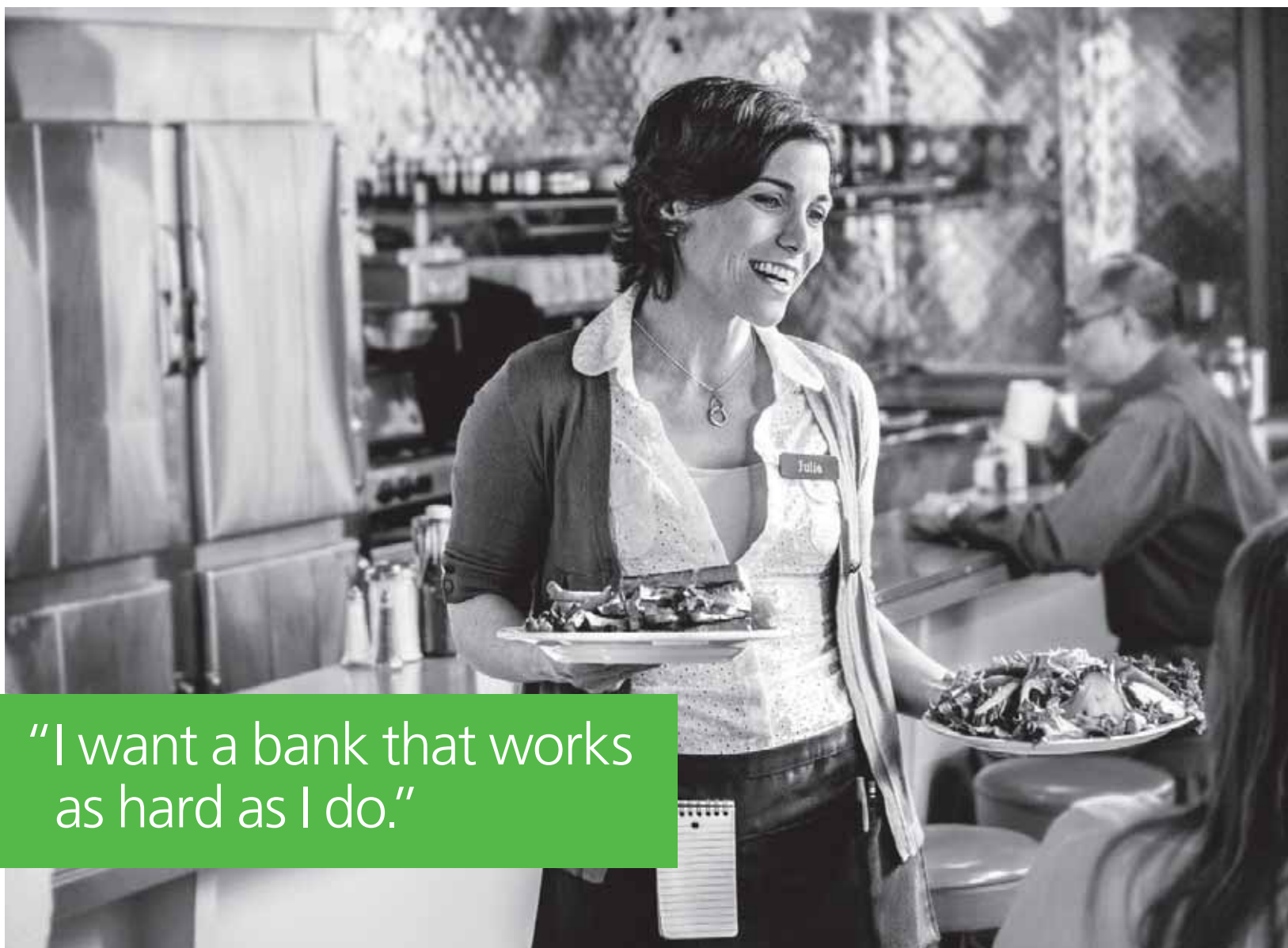
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A sperm whale carcass sits on shore in Cape St. George, N.L., in this recent photo. The large carcass recently washed up on shore, posing a problem several Newfoundland communities have had to wrestle with this season: how to dispose of it. CONTRIBUTED

# N.L. town puts whale on eBay

**Free shipping?** Scheme shot down by site, now mayor hopes museum will show interest

A Newfoundland town's efforts to have a dead sperm whale removed from its coastline have hit a snag.

But the mayor of the community remains hopeful that someone will step forward to take the carcass of the 12-metre mammal off his hands.

Peter Fenwick, the mayor of Cape St. George on Newfound-

land's west coast, put the whale up for sale on eBay. But the website took the auction down Monday because it violates its policies on animals and wildlife products, Fenwick said.

"Our major objective was to get rid of the whale, and we feel that there may be enough out there who know about it, who may be interested in it," said Fenwick in an interview.

"If they want a free whale, we'll be glad to give it to them, provided they can make suitable arrangements to remove it from the beach and put it in a place where it's not a major annoyance to the community."

He said he received a call from the federal Environment Department earlier in the day saying the sale of the whale could violate environmental regulations.

"So then we thought, 'Maybe there's a museum somewhere that would like to purchase it, and if there is, let's advertise it on eBay and see if anybody is interested.'"

Two other Newfoundland communities recently reached a deal with the Royal Ontario Museum to retrieve the carcasses of blue whales that have been rotting along their shores.

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## Calgary. Man accused in animal killings bought pets on Kijiji: Investigator

Police say the man accused of starving and beating a cat and dog found dead in a Calgary alley in January acquired the animals from a seller on Kijiji.

It was the latest animal abuse case involving the popular online classifieds site and reignited caution from law-enforcement officials about offering unwanted pets online at no charge.

"If you add a value to the animal there's more of a likelihood that the person that's getting the animal is going to value the animal," said Brad Nichols, head of cruelty investigations with the Calgary Humane Society.

Early Monday, the society announced 19-year-old Nicolino Ivano Camardi has been

charged with two counts of wilfully causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal.

On Jan. 9, the Calgary Humane Society was notified that a Siberian husky had been found dead in an alley, suffering from severe starvation.

A second animal, a domestic short-haired cat, was found just metres away on Jan. 16.

Both animals had tape covering their mouths.

Medical examinations determined the dog died of starvation while the cat died of asphyxia due to ligature strangulation following multiple traumatic injuries to its head, tail and hind limbs.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Dr. Bernstein

## Weight loss doc set to appeal discipline

A key player in the country's weight-loss industry is set to appeal discipline meted out to him by the body that regulates the medical profession in Ontario for violating advertising rules.

Dr. Stanley Bernstein wants the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board to overturn the reprimand he was given last year.

The complaint to the College of Physicians and Surgeons originated with lawyer Peter Rosenthal after a doctor pointed out to him that Bernstein was in breach of the rules with his advertising of his weight-loss clinics. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## Brave animals become Hall of Famers

Edmonton police officer Const. Matthew Williamson looks at a photo of him and his service dog Quanto during the 46th annual Purina Animal Hall of Fame ceremony in Toronto on Monday. Quanto died from stab wounds during an altercation with a suspect in the line of duty. The five-year-old German shepherd was among the four dogs and one cat being honoured. The event recognizes extreme acts of courage, bravery and devotion by Canadian pets and service animals. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Boko Haram leader threatens to sell kidnapped girls in Nigeria

**National outrage.** Protesters criticize military, President Goodluck Jonathan for inaction

The leader of an extremist Islamic group in Nigeria is threatening to sell the nearly 300 teenage schoolgirls abducted from a school in the remote northeast three weeks ago, in a new videotape received Monday.

Abubakar Shekau for the first time also claimed responsibility for the April 15 mass abduction, warning that his group plans to attack more schools and abduct more girls.

"I abducted your girls," said the leader of Boko Haram, which means "Western education is sinful."

He described the girls as

"slaves" and said, "By Allah, I will sell them in the marketplace." The hour-long video starts with fighters lifting automatic rifles and shooting in the air as they chant "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great."

It was unclear if the video was made before or after reports emerged last week that some of the girls have been forced to marry their abductors — who paid a nominal bride price of \$12 — and that others have been carried into neighbouring Cameroon and Chad. Those reports could not be verified.

In the video, Shekau also said the students "will remain slaves with us." That appears a reference to the ancient jihadi custom of enslaving women captured in a holy war, who then can be used for sex.

"They are slaves and I will sell them because I have the

market to sell them," he said, speaking in the Hausa language of northern Nigeria.

The video was reviewed by The Associated Press, and both the face and the voice of the leader of Boko Haram were recognizable.

Shekau brushed off warnings that the abductions could be an international crime, saying in English, as if to reach his accusers in the international community: "What do you know about human rights? You're just claiming human rights (abuses), but you don't know what it is."

The mass abduction and the military's failure to rescue the girls and young women have ignited national outrage with demonstrations in major cities. Protesters accused President Goodluck Jonathan of insensitivity to the girls' plight.

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A woman attends a demonstration calling on the government to increase efforts to rescue the 276 missing kidnapped school girls of government secondary school Chibok, in Lagos, Nigeria, Monday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## WHO declares spread of polio a public health emergency



In this file photo dated Wednesday April 24, 2013, a Somali child receives a polio vaccine, at the Medina Maternal Child Health center in Mogadishu, Somalia. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

spread beyond their borders, and recommended that those three governments require citizens to obtain a certificate proving they have been vaccinated for polio before travelling abroad.

"Until it is eradicated, polio will continue to spread internationally, find and paralyze susceptible kids," Dr. Bruce Aylward, who leads WHO's polio efforts, said during a press briefing. Critics, however, questioned whether Monday's announcement would make much of a difference, given the limits faced by governments confronting not only polio but armed insurrection and widespread poverty.

"What happens when you continue whipping a horse to go ever faster, no matter how rapidly he is already running?" said Dr. Donald A. Henderson, who led the WHO's initiative to get rid of smallpox, the only human disease ever to have been eradicated.

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For the first time ever, the World Health Organization on Monday declared the spread of polio an international public health emergency that could grow in the next few months and unravel the nearly three-decade effort to eradicate the crippling disease.

The agency described current polio outbreaks across at least 10 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East as an "extraordinary event" that required a co-ordinated international response. It identified Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon as having allowed the virus to

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# Neighbour tells trial he believes Pistorius shot girlfriend in error

## Two-week recess.

Defence tries to regain momentum after prosecutors appear to poke holes in double-amputee's story

Using witness accounts of a panicked nighttime phone call from Oscar Pistorius begging for help and his desperate pleas for Reeva Steenkamp to stay alive, the defence at his murder trial tried to reinforce its case Monday that the double-amputee Olympian fatally shot his girlfriend in a tragic error of judgment.

Johan Stander and his daughter Carice Viljoen, neighbours and friends of Pistorius, testified that they were at the runner's villa soon after the shooting on Feb. 14, 2013 and that Pistorius was praying, trying to help Steenkamp breathe and urging her to live. The world-



Oscar Pistorius cradles his head in his hands in court Monday at the resumption of his murder trial, following a two-week break, in Pretoria, South Africa. THOBILE MATHONSI, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

famous disabled runner had shot four times through a toilet cubicle door minutes earlier, hitting Steenkamp in the hip, arm and head.

Standar testified that Pistorius phoned him at around 3:19 a.m. — about two minutes after the shooting. Pistorius told him he had

## Prosecutors' version

Prosecutors maintain Oscar Pistorius, 27, is lying about the perceived trespasser, and his story is designed to cover up that he killed his girlfriend in the midst of a heated argument.

- The prosecution has focused on events before the killing — and not Pistorius' demeanour afterward — to try and show that his version is a fabrication.

thought Steenkamp was an intruder and shot her, Standar testified, and Standar and his daughter went to Pistorius' house after the runner pleaded for him to come.

"I saw the truth there that morning" Standar testified, saying he believed the shooting was accidental because of Pistorius' desperation when they found him carrying a bloodied Steenkamp downstairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Circus accident. Investigators focus on broken clamp

A carabiner is the only piece of equipment investigators have found that failed in a circus accident in which eight aerial acrobats plummeted to the ground, a public safety official said Monday.

Providence Public Safety Commissioner Steven Pare stopped short of saying the broken carabiner was the cause of Sunday's accident at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus. He said federal workplace safety investigators were trying to determine why it snapped.

The four- to five-inch steel clamp was one of several pieces at the top of a chandelier-like apparatus that suspended the performers in the air, fire officials said. The clip was found in three pieces on the ground with its spine snapped.

Two of the acrobats were in critical condition Monday. Family members say their injuries included a pierced liver and neck and back fractures.




Performers hang during a stunt at the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus May 2.

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Stephen Payne, a spokesman for Feld Entertainment, the parent company of Ringling Bros., said none of the injuries appear to be life-threatening.

The circus said the women are from the United States, Brazil, Bulgaria and Ukraine.

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# Villagers still digging, hundreds still stranded days after deadly landslide

**Afghanistan.** Search continues for hundreds of victims of a landslide in Abi Barik village

Three days after the earth swept through his village, burying entire houses and hundreds of people, Hashmat Khan is still digging in search of his family.

Standing in a hole he'd dug out that reached over his head, Khan said six members of his family were buried in the horrific landslide that swept over the village of Abi Barik in Badakhshan province.

"We have rescued two injured and taken out two dead bodies, and now we're trying to find two more," he said.

One of the school teachers, Abdul Fatah Zafari, said the villagers have surveyed all the families and believe that around 50 students between ages of six to 15 died in the landslide.

The school building survived. But with what's left of Abi Barik under threat of further landslides and flooding, the surviving children haven't been able to attend school.

Zafari said he understood that helping needy people was the immediate priority but appealed to the government to also think about the school and health clinic.

The landslide was likely triggered by heavy rains that have fallen across northern Afghanistan in recent weeks.

It broke off a massive chunk of earth, burying hundreds of homes. Officials have said it will be impossible to bring up all the bodies, but many villagers have continued digging on their own.

Azizullah, who goes by one name as do many Afghans, said he was working on a construction site when he heard about the landslide and hurried home.

His house was covered with mud but eventually he was able

## Death and destruction

The landslide Friday killed hundreds of people — still no one has an exact number — destroyed 300 homes, and displaced hundreds more families.

- Stranded and with no homes, many of the families have struggled to get aid.
- Some have slept in tents provided by aid groups. The unlucky ones have slept outside

to find his wife and children alive. But his father and one of his brothers are still missing.

"Probably they have died, but still we are looking for them," he said. "Over the past three days we have been digging in the area where we think they might be to find their bodies, but we couldn't find any of them." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Survivors receive food donations on Monday near the site of Friday's landslide that buried Abi Barik village in Badakhshan province, northeastern Afghanistan. MASSOUD HOSSAINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## More killed as tensions in east Ukraine escalate

Ukraine sent an elite national guard unit to its southern port of Odesa, desperate to halt a spread of the fighting between government troops and a pro-Russia militia in the east that killed combatants on both sides Monday.

The government in Kyiv intensified its attempts to bring both regions back under its control, but seemed particularly alarmed by the bloodshed in Odesa. It had been largely peaceful until Friday, when clashes killed 46 people, many of them in a government building that was set on fire.

Tensions in Ukraine also raised concerns in neighbouring Moldova, another former Soviet republic, where the government said it had put its borders on alert.

Moldova's breakaway Trans-Dniester region, located just northwest of Odesa and home to 1,500 Russian troops, is supported by Moscow, and many of its residents sympathize with the pro-Russia insurgency.

The loss of Odesa would be catastrophic for the interim government in Kyiv, leaving the country cut off from the Black Sea. Ukraine already lost a sig-



People mourn Yulia Izotova in Kramatorsk, Ukraine, Monday. Witnesses say the 21-year old was killed by shots from a Ukrainian military column. A. ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

nificant part of its coastline in March, when its Crimean Peninsula was annexed by Russia.

Compared with eastern Ukraine, Odesa is a wealthy city with an educated and ethnically diverse population of more than 1 million.

In eastern Ukraine, gunfire and multiple explosions rang out in and around Sloviansk, a city of 125,000, which has become the focus of the armed insurgency against the govern-

ment in Kyiv.

The Russian Foreign Ministry put the blame squarely on Kyiv, which "stubbornly continues to wage war against the people of its own country."

Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said in a statement that government troops were battling about 800 pro-Russia forces, which were deploying weapons and mortars.

The pro-Russia militia said at least eight people, both militiamen and locals, were killed. A spokesman with the militia said that of 10 people admitted to a hospital in Sloviansk with gunshot wounds, three later died. Five more were killed in fighting in the village of Semenivka.

Both sides indicated fighting was taking place at several sites. An Associated Press crew saw at least four ambulances rushing wounded to a hospital in Sloviansk and one militiaman being carried in for treatment.

The country is facing its worst crisis in decades after its president fled to Russia in February following months of street protests.

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## Oklahoma. Inmate who received stay of execution asks for 6-month delay

Attorneys for an Oklahoma inmate who was scheduled to be put to death the same night as a botched execution asked the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals on Monday to grant a delay for at least six months pending a review into what went wrong last week.

Attorneys for Charles Warner cited last week's execution of Clayton Lockett, who writhed on the gurney and moaned before being pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack 43 minutes after the execution began.

Warner was scheduled to die last week two hours after Lockett, but Gov. Mary Fallin issued a two-week delay pending a thorough inquiry into Lockett's execution.

"Given the Department of Corrections' recognition that it is in no position to carry out an execution that meets constitutional requirements, an indefinite stay is necessary," said Madeline Cohen, one of Warner's attorneys. "I think six months is the bare min-

### Drug combination

Last Tuesday was the first time Oklahoma used the sedative midazolam as the first element in its execution drug combination.

- Other states have used it before. Florida administers 500 milligrams as part of its three-drug combination. Oklahoma used 100 milligrams.
- States in the U.S. are finding it more difficult to find execution methods as more drug companies refuse to supply drugs that will be used in executions.

imum that could be contemplated."

Warner was convicted of raping and killing an 11-month-old in 1997. He has maintained his innocence.

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## Wildfire destroys 6 homes, kills at least one

Myka Burton pours water on a roadside hot spot on Monday in Guthrie, Okla. "I'm doing anything I can to help," said Burton. Firefighters worked Monday to battle a large wildfire in central Oklahoma that destroyed at least six homes and left at least one person dead after a controlled burn spread out of control.

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### Two killed in crash

## Canadian survey plane located

Colombian authorities said Monday they had located a Canadian-registered aircraft that crashed high in the Andes in northeastern Colombia. Two people aboard, both Canadians, were killed.

Rescue workers struggled over the weekend to reach the twin-engine Piper PA-31 Navajo because of poor visibility at the remote, high-altitude site where it crashed on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### 29,000 workers

## Haiti raises minimum wage

Haiti raised slightly its minimum wage for the estimated 29,000 workers who sew together T-shirts and other clothing in the country's apparel factories.

The 12.5 per cent increase signed into law says the workers will now earn about \$5.11 per eight-hour workday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# California law students trying to right an old wrong

**Hong Yeng Chang.** Ivy League graduate thought to be the first Chinese immigrant to become an American lawyer

In a decision still studied in law schools as a 19th century lesson in bigotry, the California Supreme Court in 1890 denied Hong Yeng Chang's application to practise law solely because he was Chinese.

Now, students at a northern California law school are working to right that wrong. They hope to persuade the current court to reverse its 124-year-old decision.

Students at the University of California, Davis, School of



This undated family photo shows Hong Yeng Chang.  
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Law's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and two professors have submitted an application to practise law

to the State Bar of California on behalf of Chang. It is a first step before approaching the high court, which licenses California's attorneys.

The state bar vets all California applications and recommends approval or denial to the California Supreme Court. The Supreme Court usually follows the recommendation of the state bar.

"This is a unique situation and we don't know what the Committee of Bar Examiners will do with the application," spokeswoman Laura Ernde said. The committee is scheduled to consider the application in late June.

Approving Chang's application would correct a personal injustice and serve a broader public interest purpose, the students and professors wrote the state bar. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## Russian soldiers rehearse for Victory Day parade

A Russian honour guard soldier warms up prior to a rehearsal for the Victory Day military parade at Dvortsovaya (Palace) Square in St. Petersburg, Russia, Monday. Celebrated on May 9, Victory Day is Russia's most important secular holiday and marks the defeat of Nazi Germany. **DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Argentine government

## A gut punch to tax dodgers

Argentina's tax agency says it used a boxing match in Las Vegas to identify 17 tax evaders.

The agency released a

statement Monday titled "A Knockout for Taxpayers."

It said it is investigating people who claimed to have small incomes while paying up to \$7,500 each to travel to Nevada to watch Saturday's fight between world welterweight champion Floyd Mayweather Jr. and

Argentine boxer Marcos Maidana.

The agency says those 17 people have since been removed from a list of low-income Argentines and must now pay taxes consistent with their large expenses.

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Foreign Minister Georges Rebelo Chicoti of Angola shows U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry nearby government buildings following meetings at the Ministry of Finance in Luanda, Angola. SAUL LOEB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Kerry to Africa: Reject violence

## 'The will of the people.'

The U.S. is behind in the race to reap economic benefits in the continent

Travelling from lush green hilltops to hot dusty roads and seaside ports, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry asked African nations last week to make a choice: Choose democracy. Embrace economic stability. Reject violence, and move people into the modern world.

It was an optimistic offer, and the kind of Western attitudes the U.S. is used to espousing. But two conflict-wracked

African nations said no, challenging the limits of American influence in a continent emerging as the next land of opportunity for foreign financial investors.

So far, the U.S. is lagging in the worldwide race to reap economic benefits in Africa, and President Barack Obama is hosting a summit in August for leaders of more than 40 African nations to try to build stronger financial ties. The refusal by several leaders to heed Kerry's urgings confronts the Obama administration with a choice: Pursue economic opportunities with governments that do not respect rule of law or human rights, or take a backseat in

global competition by shunning sub-Saharan countries.

"This is up to the will of the people, and the will of leaders," Kerry told about 100 diplomats and local activists gathered at an environmentally friendly tukul hut atop a hilltop in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital.

In what appears to be the biggest flop of his trip, Kerry announced a tentative agreement to restart stalled peace talks in South Sudan, where U.S. officials say fighting between President Salva Kiir and former vice-president-turned-rebel leader Riek Machar have plunged the world's newest nation into a civil war.

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# Shooting at VA hospital in Ohio injures person

A shooting at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Ohio on Monday left one person with a minor injury and a suspect in police custody, according to a city official.

The male suspect was taken into custody Monday afternoon after someone dropped him off at a hospital, Dayton spokesman Bryan Taulbee said.

One person suffered a minor leg injury at the Dayton clinic, said Taulbee, who didn't know if the victim was a man or woman.

The suspect is from suburban Dayton, and there were no other shooters involved, Taulbee said.

Employees told media outlets that at least part of the complex was locked down around the lunch hour on Monday. WDTN showed video of employees leaving the centre while FBI agents went inside.

The centre has beds for about 450 people and provides veterans with medical, mental health and nursing home care.

Four years ago, an Iraq War Army veteran wearing military fatigues fatally shot himself at a monument to soldiers outside the same hospital.

The man, Jesse C. Huff, had been a patient there.

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Police gather outside a Veterans Affairs hospital after people who were evacuated were told they could re-enter. AL BEHRMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Controversial ingredient

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Coca-Cola says it will drop a controversial ingredient from all its drinks that contain it, not just Powerade.

The change will apply to its drinks globally, meaning Canada and Latin America are phasing out the ingredient as well.

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## Luxury brands flock to Canada

A man walks past the Jimmy Choo shop in London, U.K. Two renowned luxury brands — Jimmy Choo and Versace — are launching their first stand-alone boutiques in Canada later this year. The shops are slated to open in Toronto. They join several other high-profile retailers and brands that have opened bricks-and-mortar locations in Canada over the past several years, including Microsoft, Ann Taylor, Loft, J. Crew and Target. Nordstrom will be following suit this fall with the opening of its first store in Calgary. **OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES FILE**

Google hits play on  
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## Music to our ears.

Google Play Music fills the void for Canucks still waiting for Spotify and Pandora to come here

Google is stepping into the streaming music game in Canada with the launch of Google Play Music, the latest in a growing number of services that could change how Canadians listen to their favourite songs.

The company announced Monday that its all-access subscription service would be the centrepiece for a broader digital music service that offers music on mobile phones, tablets and personal computers.

Aside from streaming, users can also buy tracks for their personal collections, quite similar to Apple's iTunes store.

Google's streaming service

is one of the most extensive offerings available to Canadians yet, and a highlight of the technology giant's launch into selling music in Canada.

Google Play Music users will have streaming access to 25 million songs, which the company says is several million more tracks than its U.S. users can access. The cost is \$9.99 per month, after an introductory rate.

The rollout will be available for phones and tablets on both the Android operating system and Apple's iOS devices.

The Canadian version will cater to local tastes, which includes a selection of Franco-phone music and a playlist that showcases this year's Juno Award winners.

The presence of legal on-demand streaming music has been limited in Canada.

Last year, free streaming music service Songza opened

an office in Toronto with the goal of getting a head start against its competitors like Spotify and Pandora, two popular international streaming services that aren't yet available in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Market Minute



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Target CEO resigns  
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Target's CEO has become the first boss of a major corporation to lose his job over a breach of customer data, showing how responsibility for computer security now reaches right to the top.

Gregg Steinhafel, who was also president and chairman, stepped down nearly five months after Target disclosed a huge pre-Christmas breach in which hackers stole millions of customers' credit- and debit-

card records. The theft badly damaged the store chain's reputation and profits.

Steinhafel, a 35-year veteran of the company and chief executive since 2008, also resigned from the board of directors, Target announced Monday.

The departure of Steinhafel, 59, suggests the company wants a clean slate as it wrestles with the fallout. But the resignation leaves a leadership hole

at a time when the 1,800-store chain is facing many other challenges.

The company, known for its trendy but affordable housewares and fashions, is struggling to maintain its cachet while competing with Walmart and Amazon.com. Target is also grappling with a disappointing expansion into Canada, its first foray outside the U.S.

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# DRAKE DOESN'T ALWAYS KNOW BEST

It's incredibly easy for us to make new digital connections — you can acquire hundreds of online friends in minutes just by pressing a handful of buttons — but how much energy are you investing in working on your real-life social networks?

Friendships play a crucial role in our lives. Science has shown time and time again that maintaining close ties with our fellow human beings provides us with a wide variety of mental, emotional and physical benefits. One study even suggests that being lonely or having weak social bonds is a health risk comparable to smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day or being an alcoholic.

If platonic pals are beneficial for the mind, body and soul, reason would suggest that we try to accumulate as many as possible. However, evolutionary anthropologist Robin Dunbar argues that the cognitive limitations of our brains also impose limits on our ability to sustain stable so-



**SHE SAYS**  
**Jessica Napier**  
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cial connections. You might have amassed hundreds of Facebook buddies, but humans can actually only comfortably maintain about an average of 150 genuine relationships. That number might be even lower for us technology obsessed, socially stunted Millennials.

So while TV sitcoms would have us believe we'll spend our whole lives hanging out with the same handful of people at the same bar year after year after year, real life doesn't work like that. If our brains can only handle a finite number of contacts, it's practical to audit your social circle every once in a while, online and in real life, to evaluate how and with whom you're spending your time.

As we get older, our interests and values inevitably change and we naturally begin to drift away from certain people. Drake might rap about having a No New Friends policy, but we do ourselves and the people around us a disservice by holding onto old friendships at the expense of

## Don't make it The Motto

Drake might rap about having a No New Friends policy, but we do ourselves and the people around us a disservice by holding on to old friendships at the expense of making new ones.

making new ones.

I'm not suggesting that you should start eliminating old friends from your life like you're picking off contestants on a reality show. There is something very special about deep-rooted relationships; those BFFs who have known and loved you at your best and your worst, through bad breakups and even worse wardrobe choices.

But recognizing when you've outgrown certain individuals you have nothing in common with anymore can help you create some room in your brain and in your life for a few new friends.

## ZOOM

# Manufacturing tradition



A team dressed as characters from *The Wizard of Oz* roll wooden 'cheese' during the Stilton Village Festival cheese-rolling competition on May 6 in Stilton, England. Local people are currently involved in a campaign to bring Stilton cheesemaking back to the village. The cheese is currently made in the counties of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

## How this cheesy village rolls

An annual tradition invented about 50 years ago to revitalize local businesses attracted about 2,000 people to the Cambridgeshire village of Stilton in the U.K. this year.

The cheese-rolling competition takes place every May Day Bank Holiday Monday in Stilton — the village which gave the cheese its name. Teams roll wooden blocks resembling cheese through the streets. [BBC.COM](http://BBC.COM)

## 'Ancient tradition' cooked up by locals

Cheese rolling was invented by two pub landlords who told villagers it was "an ancient tradition" in order to encourage them and others to take part.

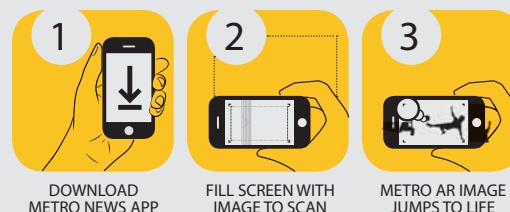
Blocks of wood have to be used, because an actual block of cheese would not survive being rolled along the main road. The "cheese" is a block cut from an old telegraph pole and painted to look like the blue-veined cheese. [BBC.COM](http://BBC.COM)

## Road takes its toll

- The event was originally dreamt up to encourage visitors after the village was bypassed by the A1 in 1959.
- The village, on the old Great North Road between Huntingdon and Peterborough, got rid of its traffic jams when the bypass was built, but the High Street and North Street lost passing trade as a result.

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As part of Bristol, England's Make Sunday Special campaign, streets are set up for pedestrian-friendly activities like dancing, yoga classes, concerts and art crawls.

All laudable. But, even with the schedule reaching into fall, it'll be hard to top artist Luke Jerram's Park And Slide: a 300-foot, slip-and-slide soap show that drew more than 96,000 people to a lottery deciding who would be among the lucky 360 to belly their way down Park Street. As for us in Canada, there's plenty of summer left for letter campaigns to city halls.



(Via Cinematic Media on Vimeo)



# 2 SCENE

## DVD review



### Veronica Mars

Director. Rob Thomas

Stars. Kristen Bell, Jason Dohring, Enrico Colantoni

The big-screen version of the cult TV series about a teen detective (Kristen Bell) is a homecoming designed to check off all the boxes for the many who wrote the Kickstarter cheques to make it happen.

Newcomers may find themselves mystified by the show's appeal. The movie looks and unfolds more like a pilot for the cancelled fourth Veronica Mars TV season, rather than a rebuilding of the franchise.

Reprising her title role as the teen sleuth in shady beach burgh Neptune, Calif., Bell brings us briskly up to date, highlighting past events that included her volatile romance with town stud Logan (Jason Dohring).

Ardent fans don't need the back story, to which series creator and writer Rob Thomas remains all too faithful as he makes his feature directing debut.

Veronica has supposedly moved on from Neptune (she's now an honours law grad with a job in New York), but the movie is like pressing "play" on a PVR, for a story laden with shout-outs but short on substance.

Extras include deleted scenes and making-of featurettes. **PETER HOWELL**

# Showgirls: The good, the bad and the ugly

**Panned but not forgotten.** Film critic Adam Nayman explores the cult success of Showgirls

**MATT PRIGGE**  
Metro World News

When it came out, Showgirls was a punching bag. It still is — it's just that now people actually enjoy hating it. It's become a bad cinema classic. But a wave of supporters, including J. Hoberman, Jim Jarmusch and Jacques Rivette, argue that it's a self-aware satire along the lines of director Paul Verhoeven's other work, including RoboCop and Starship Troopers. To this posse, add the critic, scholar and Metro writer Adam Nayman, whose book *It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls* makes a convincing and enjoyable case for its sneaky and subversive craft.

## Did you always feel this way about Showgirls?

I saw it in theatres when it came out. I had to sneak in. The reason I wanted to see it at 14 was I wanted to see why it got zero stars from The Globe and Mail. I was interested in why people thought it was so bad. That probably had something to do with how I watched



Since its release, Showgirls has gained a sizeable cult following. CONTRIBUTED

it the first time: Instead of being skeptical of the movie,

I was skeptical of the negativity. Even though I liked it as a teenager, because I thought it was funny and outrageous, it wasn't until I got a little older and a little more well-versed with Verhoeven that I thought it could support a book.

**The path of this movie from punchline to video hit is**

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## rather extraordinary.

One of the things I'm trying to get across in this is not that Showgirls is a great movie, but to explore what can account in 20 years for that kind of turn. You couldn't find a film critic in 1995 who would give this movie the time of day. And now whether it's for ironic reasons or if people are recognizing the artistry in it, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who doesn't like it.

## Where do you stand?

I wish I'd read more things about Showgirls that said what I think about it, which is that it's well-crafted and some of that craft is persuasive, and then it clashes with how craven some of the dialogue and some of the characters are. To me that would be a more valid critical observation. Instead, you just read review after review of people saying how inept it is and comparing it craft-wise and style-wise to Valley of the Dolls. That's when you realize these people weren't really trying. Or if they were trying, they're just not very good at their jobs.

## Quoted

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Adam Nayman, author of *It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls*, on the film's rise in popularity

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# Whatcha say? Derulo lets us in his head

**Talk Dirty.** With guest stars like Snoop Dogg, Tyga and 2 Chainz on new album, Jason's no longer Ridin' Solo

Jason Derulo knows his recent hit, *Talk Dirty*, is risqué, but he's not too worried about it.

"I try to be conscious of offending anybody, but not that much," he said. "I really just try to do my thing and of course there is going to be backlash on every song that I do, so I don't worry myself too much on that. People saying things like 'objectifying women.' I'm like,

'What are you even talking about?'"

*Talk Dirty* has dominated pop radio, and the song has peaked at No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. It has sold 3.2-million tracks and features lyrics like "but your booty don't need explaining" and "first-class seat on my lap girl."

"I wasn't surprised that it would hit mainstream. I think in 2014 things, you know, are getting more and more free (and) liberal," he said. "I hear a lot worse."

The smash is from Derulo's third album of the same name; it debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard 200 albums chart last month. The album was released internationally last Septem-

ber under the title *Tattoos*, but the renamed American version features some new tracks.

Derulo, 24, says both his new album and single reflect his growth as a singer and songwriter.

"I'm comfortable with talking about what my life is and things that I go through," said Derulo,

whose hits include *Whatcha Say* and *In My Head*.

"This album is a direct representation of who I am as a person and how I speak," he added. "If I was talking to my best friend, you know, this is how I would explain it."

The album is Derulo's first to feature guest stars, and hip-hop acts are a strong

part of the pop singer's project. Snoop Dogg, 2 Chainz, Pitbull, Tyga and Kid Ink make appearances.

Derulo, who is finding more success on the urban charts thanks to *Talk Dirty*, says he started musically in the hip-hop scene.

"Most people don't know my background, but when I first started writing songs

for other people it was for hip-hop artists," said Derulo, who co-wrote Birdman's *Bossy* and songs for Diddy that didn't make his album.

"The world knew me as a pop artist when I first came out, which was cool, you know. I think I'm the first black male artist to actually come out as a pop artist," he added. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Quoted

"People saying things like 'objectifying women.' I'm like, 'What are you even talking about?'"

Jason Derulo, singer, on the criticism his music receives



Jason Derulo does what he wants without worrying much about offending anybody, whether that means recording risqué songs or rocking a sweet green leather shirt. MATT SAYLES/INVISION/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Meet actress Gugu Mbatha-Raw

**Belle.** English actress is making waves with her latest role as a mixed-race heiress in 18th century London

MATT PRIGGE

Metro World News in New York

## Where you've seen her:

An English actress, she's done a few episodes of Doctor Who, plus the American Kiefer Sutherland show Touch. She played Ophelia in the production of Hamlet starring Jude Law, which played both the West End and Broadway.

## Where she is now:

In the Jane Austen-y Belle, plays Dido Elizabeth Belle, a mixed-race heiress who lived amongst 18th century London high society.

## Where she's going:

She has a key role in the Wachowskis' summer film Jupiter Ascending, with Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis and Eddie Redmayne. She'll also star in the rom-com Blackbird, with Minnie Driver and Danny Glover.

## On playing an obscure historical personage:

There's a book coming out now, but there wasn't a lot of information about Dido at the time. Even now you have to use some artistic licence. We do know she lived in the house. There was a report of an American businessman who came to visit. We know she wasn't allowed to sit with them at the dinner table, but she'd come out after dinner. This guy was completely shocked



Gugu Mbatha-Raw's character Belle is based on an actual historical figure. CONTRIBUTED

by that. We also know Lord Mansfield left her money in his will, as did Lady Mary. That was pretty unusual at the time, to be held in such affection.

## On using the famous painting of Dido as an influence:

The painting was a big clue, where she's depicted in a sumptuous gown and she's looking directly at the viewer. She's not in a subservient position. She was relatively equal to Elizabeth in the painting. All those little pieces of detective work inspired the story.

## On Dido having to skip out on social events at home:



I think she repressed those daily humiliations. The racism that is depicted in the script is not the brutality we often see on the screen. It's more about the nuances

## Movie promos

## Movie poster for Belle challenges costume drama tradition

There may be no whiter genre than the costume drama. The flowing gowns, the horse-drawn carriages, the codes of aristocratic courtship all evoke an era not exactly known for diversity. That's why the simple poster of Belle, a new film directed by Amma Asante, is so striking. A beautiful, finely outfitted black woman in an 18th century parlour room stares back with regal poise. The historical incongruity is all the more arresting because, it turns out, it's real history.

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of society and the subtleties, which can be just as painful, in a different way, on an emotional level. That scene where she's staring in the mirror after John asks

her why she doesn't dine with the family — all of that inequality that she's been pushing down explodes.

## On Belle as a twist on the

## Jane Austen film:

We've seen all these Jane Austen adaptations, and I'm a huge fan of them all. I grew up watching Pride and Prejudice, with Colin Firth, and Sense and Sensibility. But what was so great about this is we've not seen stories from this perspective before — not only from a woman's perspective, but also a woman of colour. And it's also a British perspective of the slave experience in the U.K. And though there are no slaves in the movie, it definitely deals with Britain's experiences of benefitting financially from the slave trade.

## On the film's portrait of female struggles:

The marriage market in that period was ruthless. And yet Dido was financially secure. She could marry for love, she had an inheritance, unlike her cousin, who needed to find her financial security. I'm glad it's not as savage today, but this is still something that people deal with in different parts of the world. Arranged marriages and women's freedom and equality are still questions.

## On the costumes:

The costumes are so helpful as well. Wearing a corset certainly changes your posture entirely and gives you a whole different way of moving and using your physicality.

## On Dido as a role model:

I think it's important for bi-racial girls growing even now to be able to see themselves in history. I think if you can root yourself in a historical place, then the sky's the limit, really.



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## The Word

### How many celeb doppelgängers does blonde Levine have?

When Pretty McPretty boy Adam Levine tweeted out this photo of his new hairstyle (along with his pillow-lipped fiancée, Behati Prinsloo) on Saturday, everyone got pretty mad that he would go ahead and ruin that pretty face of his. So mad that "Adam Levine" started trending. However, the Maroon 5 singer took it all in stride. "I hope people understand that when they say my hair looks creepy, I take that as the highest compliment," he wrote about the hairy backlash.

However, Levine must



know that he now looks like a certain ... someone. Maybe even a few someones? We compiled the women — and man — he now resembles. Anyone we're missing? Write to scene@metronews.ca to let us know.



Ryan Gosling



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Tilda Swinton

## X-Men director accused of sexually assaulting a second teen boy

A second man has come forward accusing X-Men: Days of Future Past director Bryan Singer of sexual assault.

The British man, referred to as John Doe #117, is represented by Jeff Herman, the same lawyer as the first accuser, Michael Egan. Doe claims he was introduced to Singer at the U.K. premiere party for Superman Returns when he was 17 years old. His complaint claims that Singer offered him drugs, and later grabbed him in a sexual manner and asked him to perform sex acts, according to The Daily Beast. After he refused, he says, a "large, muscle-bound man" hit him.

Singer's lawyer, Marty Singer, maintained that the accusations are false.

"After the substance of Mr. Herman's previous defamatory and fabricated filing in Hawaii was disproved based on unassailable evidence, Mr. Herman's desperation has led him to fabricate these new anonymous accusations against Mr. Singer, which we will also prove to be completely



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false," Marty Singer told The Daily Beast.

The allegations are similar to those made by the first accuser. Egan, who was 17 at the time of the alleged assaults in 1998, was then an aspiring model and actor. He

claims he met the director through a Hollywood sex ring run by Marc Collins-Rector, a producer and convicted sex offender. He says that Collins-Rector put him on the payroll and required him to have sex with adults.



Kim Kardashian and Kanye West

### Kute kouple Kimye get wedding licence

Kanye West and Kim Kardashian are well on their way to wedded bliss. They have the multi-million dollar home, they have the baby and now they have the papers.

Life & Style is reporting the power duo are officially married on paper, after a source told the magazine they got their licence in California. Although they could just be teasing us, since they've got 90 days to get hitched in the county in which they received their marriage licence.

In any case, the spectacle isn't off: Sources say plans are still on for their huge Paris wedding this month. But the ceremony, sources further reveal, will be a private one.



Katie Couric

### Katie Couric may return to the anchor chair at Today — but just temporarily

Eight years since she took her leave from Today, it looks like Katie Couric might be coming back to the NBC morning program — but only for a bit.

The NY Post and TMZ.com report that Couric is in talks to fill in for co-anchor Savannah Guthrie while she is on maternity leave in four months.

Although it's only in the talking stages and it's

unclear how this will work out with Couric's other gigs — she is with ABC until mid-summer and famously signed on to be the first-ever global anchor at Yahoo sometime soon — it would be nice to see Katie back in the anchor seat, if just for a bit.

If she's not available, I wonder if they would call Ann Curry? Ha ha ha ha. Just kidding — they would never, ever call Ann Curry.

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# Gettin' swishy with it

**Oil pulling.** Does this Ayurvedic detox technique actually work, or is it just a load of hogwash?

**ROMINA MCGUINNESS**  
Metro World News in London

Oil pulling — an ancient Ayurvedic ritual whereby unrefined oil is swished in the mouth for 10 to 20 minutes a day — is thought to improve oral health and reduce toxic inflammation in the body. Two experts talk us through the mechanics and potential benefits of this holistic, and pretty harmless, technique.

## It's a detox trick that's not expensive or difficult

According to L.A.-based neurologist and Ayurveda expert Dr. Kulreet Chaudhary, this is all you need to do: Wake up and either brush or floss your teeth. Now take one tablespoon of vegetable oil (or simply half fill the mouth) and slowly start to swirl it around, pulling it through your teeth. The idea is that you're not gargling it, but actively swishing it in your mouth. Do this for 10 to 20 minutes and then spit out the oil (do not swallow it as it now contains toxins), and brush your teeth again.

"The theory behind this practice is that saliva is one of the conduits for toxins throughout your body. This is because the salivary glands are able to pull toxins out of the bloodstream and store them there at a higher concentration," she tells Metro.

"What oil pulling does is it increases the secretion of saliva and extrapolates some of the toxins that have been sucked into the glands by trap-



Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties, so coconut oil is a popular choice for oil pulling. ISTOCK

ping them inside the oil."

## Cure-all for almost everything

According to Chaudhary, oil pulling is one of the cheapest, and fastest, ways of getting rid of a mild dental disease.

"When done daily, oil pulling can help cure conditions such as tartar build-up, bad breath and gingivitis within weeks," says Chaudhary. But she says it goes way beyond oral hygiene.

"The mouth is kind of a measuring stick in terms of inflammation for the rest of the body.

"If I have a patient suffering from heavy metal poisoning, migraines or rheumatoid arthritis, this is one the tools I use to help detox their entire body," she adds.

## The best oil of them all?

"In Ayurvedic medicine, sesame oil is believed to be a complete oil: one that suits all body types and constitutions. It also contains high amounts of vitamin C, which can help heal wounds and strengthen the immune system," says Dr. Deepa Apté, an Ayurvedic practitioner.

He says sesame oil's ability to permeate the cell membranes make it ideal for oil pulling. That said, make sure you're not using an oil you're allergic to; sunflower or coconut work just as well.

"Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties and is a good option for people suffering from inflammation in the body — the root cause of most diseases and internal imbalances," says Chaudhary.

## Your face is getting action

The contracting-relaxing motion engages your facial muscles in a mini-workout. "When done regularly, oil pulling helps increase blood circulation to the face and reduces the appearance of fine lines and dark circles," says Apté.

## Natural — not miracle — cure

"There's this misconception. People are like, 'I'm still going to eat my doughnut, drink my Coke and stay up all night — but I'll do oil pulling.' It's something we do to balance the body, but it doesn't erase a bad habit," warns Chaudhary. "It gets a little misleading to say it will cure your acne or fix your teeth because it's never given in isolation; it's part of a toolbox for controlling a condition."

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## Half-Off

Now that spring has sprung, Elisha has recommitted to her Half-Off goal and put more exercise at the top of the list. With intentions to ride her bike to work every day, would a fluke spring snowstorm finally be the event that derailed her? Visit [metronews.ca/voices/halfoff](http://metronews.ca/voices/halfoff) to find out.





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### Spoons and forks are sooo last season



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This season it is all about handheld food.

The days of the dog being the only thing eaten on city streets and at cookouts is over.

More gourmet foods are hitting the pavement and one of the best examples of that can be found at Kanga, Toronto's first Aussie meat pie shop.

Intended to be enjoyed Down Under style with all the ease and swagger of an Australian treat, Aussies get cheeky with nontraditional fillings like butter chicken and pulled pork.

Co-owners Megan Chan and Erynn Maynes say, "Aussie meat pies are saucier than your average pie, topped with flakey puff pastry, and are intended to be eaten with

one hand only. The other is strictly reserved for the beverage of your choice!"

Go handheld with these other ideas this summer:

- Sushi hand rolls
- Tacos are still all the rage
- Pulled pork in lettuce wraps
- Jumbo samosas
- Empanadas
- Tamales

Remember that the sides and dressings can make or break your calorie count. Mustard and hot sauce, yes! Mayo and anything deep fried, no.

And always, always fill up with a salad.

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## Aussie Meat Pie.

These savoury filled pastries are perfect for those days when you don't have time to slow down

1. Preheat your electric pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle maker.

2. On medium heat, fry the onion in the oil and butter till soft. Add the garlic and thyme.

3. Sprinkle the flour in the pan and fry until a light golden colour (about 1 minute).

4. Pour in the beer and incorporate with the flour, and the mixture will thicken. Allow the beer to reduce for 3-4 minutes.

5. In a separate frying pan, fry ground beef and drain off fat. Add in tomato paste.

6. Add the cooked ground beef mixture and beef stock



This recipe makes two pies. THERESA ALBERT

into the pan with beer and onions.

7. Season with salt and pepper to taste and set aside,

8. Line pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle maker with pastry, spoon in filling (usually about 1/3 of a cup). Allow to cook accord-

## Ingredients

- 1/2 medium onion
- 1 tbsp butter + 1 tbsp oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp flour

- 3/4 cup dark beer
- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 cup beef stock
- Salt and pepper to taste

- Ketchup to taste
- Two sheets of butter puff pastry (1 pkg)

## FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less



ing to appliance instructions, usually about 8 minutes.

9. Enjoy with ketchup — or "tomato sauce" as the Aussies call it! Cheers, mate! **COURTESY ERYNN MAYNES, CO-OWNER KANGA**



This recipe serves six and takes 30 minutes to make. PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

# Chicken Taco spice route leads to Peru

The combination of spices gives these tacos a Peruvian spin. For added Peruvian cred, add some chopped pitted green olives with the salsa, lettuce and cheese toppings.

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). In large frying pan, heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) of the oil over medium-high heat; cook onion, garlic, coriander, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper for 4 to 6 minutes or until tender. Push onions to side of pan. Add remaining 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and chicken; cook for 10 minutes, stirring often, or until cooked through. Remove from heat. Stir in chopped coriander.

2. Remove taco shells from

packaging. Arrange shells open side down in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes or until crisp and light golden brown. Carefully remove from oven.

3. Divide chicken mixture evenly among the taco shells. Top each taco with salsa, lettuce and cheese and arrange on platter.

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE**

## Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
- 2 small onions, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) ground coriander
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) cumin
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) paprika
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pkg (about 775 g total)

- boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut in thin strips
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander
- 1 pkg (156 g) PC Taco Shells
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) medium heat salsa
- 1 cup (250 ml) roughly chopped iceberg lettuce
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) PC Tex Mex Shredded Cheese Blend

# Canadian rugby reaches new heights

**Rugby.** History was made on weekend when Canucks reached final of a Sevens World Series competition

The Canadian seven rugby side flew out of Glasgow on Monday having made history there by reaching the final at an HSBC Sevens World Series stop for the first time.

Next time the Canadian men are in Scotland, Commonwealth Games medals will be on the line.

It was a banner weekend for the Canadians at the Glasgow Sevens. They won their preliminary pool Saturday, defeating Japan and France and tying England. Canada then defeated Kenya 14-5 in the quarter-final and Scotland 10-7 in the semi-final before going down 54-7 at the hands of powerful New Zealand in the final.

The lopsided loss made for a strange "bit of an empty feeling" Sunday that was undeserved, said head coach Geraint John.

"We shouldn't have had that, really," he said Monday before heading to London. "Because to get to the final in the (World) Series for the very first time, it's a pretty outstanding achievement by everyone."

"I think today everybody's feeling a little bit better."

Canada will be up in Scotland soon enough, facing familiar foes at the Com-



Harry Jones of Canada breaks free of the New Zealand defence to score during the IRB Glasgow Sevens in Glasgow, Scotland. Scan this image with your Metro News app to see more from Sunday's action.

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## Rugby powerhouse

New Zealand has never lost at the Commonwealth Games, winning gold every time. The All Blacks are also defending World Series champions and have won four of eight stops on the circuit this season while finishing runner-up twice.

monwealth Games, which run July 23 to Aug. 3. It has been put in Pool A with de-

fending champion New Zealand, Scotland and Nigeria.

Pool B consists of South Africa, Kenya, Cook Islands, and Trinidad and Tobago. Pool C features Samoa, Wales, Papua New Guinea and Malaysia. Pool D is made up of England, Australia, Sri Lanka and Uganda.

The top two from each group advance.

The competition will take place before a sellout crowd at Ibrox Stadium, home to Glasgow Rangers soccer club.

John said Sunday's final was an emotional experience, hearing the Canadian anthem before the game for the first time.

Canadians Phil Mack and John Moonlight were both named to the Glasgow tournament's all-star or Dream Team. Conor Trainor, meanwhile, turned heads with a circus-like try against France when he got his boot to a low pass in mid-flight and managed to tap it into his hands before sprinting over the line. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## UFC

### Rousey rips TUF

A recent impromptu brawl between rival coaches Chael Sonnen and Wanderlei Silva on the TV set of The Ultimate Fighter: Brazil had MMA fans rushing to find the video.

Not UFC women's bantam-weight champion Ronda Rousey, who was a coach on Season 18. "They don't know the first thing about fighting," she said. "They treated us like we were Real Housewives of Atlanta and not elite athletes that should be respected."

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Ronda Rousey  
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## NBA

### LBJ supports Durant being named MVP

LeBron James of the Miami Heat says Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant would be a deserving winner of the NBA MVP award.

It's expected that Durant will be announced as this season's MVP later this week. James has lauded Durant's play

this season several times in recent weeks, doing so again on Monday.

James says: "Much respect to him and he deserves it. He had a big-time MVP season."

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LeBron James  
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# Lowry leaning towards Raptors return



Kyle Lowry leaves the Raptors locker-room on Monday.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The morning after the Toronto Raptors' season ended and two months before he becomes a free agent, Kyle Lowry wasn't keen to talk about his future.

But the Raptors point guard certainly sounds like he's not going anywhere.

"I love this place. I love this situation. It's as simple as that," Lowry said Monday.

The Raptors met with reporters the day after their 104-103 Game 7 loss to the Brooklyn Nets that ended their first playoff run in six seasons, and if there was a recurring theme, it

## Changing of the point guard

After earning a reputation for being moody and difficult last season, Kyle Lowry returned this past fall with a different demeanour, and went on to have a solid season,

averaging 17.9 points and 7.4 assists.

- He then shone in the playoffs, scoring a career high of 36 points in Game 5.

was a sense of satisfaction from a season that turned out far better than most envisioned, and a desire to stick together.

Coach Dwane Casey is in the final year of his contract — al-

though The Associated Press had an anonymous source confirm that the coach signed a three-year deal with the team late Monday. Kyle Lowry becomes a free agent July 1.

Lowry said he hasn't spoken to his agent yet. His mind was still on Sunday's loss, particularly the game's final play that saw his shot blocked. But he said "of course" he can see himself in a Raptors jersey next season.

"We just went to Game 7, first round. Nobody expected us to be there. Of course I can see that," said Lowry, who went on to praise his teammates. "It's a great mixture, actually. I said it yesterday: It's the best 14 other guys I've had in a locker-room in my career." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will get what you desire today but you will have to pay a price for it. The planets will reward you for your hard work but they will also ask you to sacrifice something you may not want to give up.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The Sun's link to Jupiter will give your confidence a much-needed boost today but you may still have to learn that in order to get some you also have to give some.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You will be in one of your more impulsive moods today. Try not to spend money on things you don't need unless you know you can afford it — and unless you have won the lottery you know full well you cannot.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You will be called upon to help someone in need and no matter how busy you might be with your own tasks and chores you must come to their aid.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets warn that you may have deviated from your blueprint by a small amount, so maybe you should stand back from what you are working on and make sure it is still going according to plan.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's time to get working on something of a creative nature that you have been thinking about for quite some time. It will take a great deal of effort, both physical and mental, but it will be a success.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't try to force others to do your bidding today because they will make such an emotional scene that even you will be embarrassed.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Someone you encounter on your travels will turn out to be a very important contact, both personally and professionally. Make an effort to get out and about and meet people.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If others won't give you what you deserve then you will just have to take it for yourself. You have worked long and hard to reach your current position and have no intention of letting others take the glory.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be eager for success but don't forget the many responsibilities that go with it. Remember, once you have committed to something, once you have signed on the line.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Something is holding you back, something is stopping you from reaching your true potential. According to the planets it could be your own self-doubt that is preventing you from pushing ahead.

### Pisces

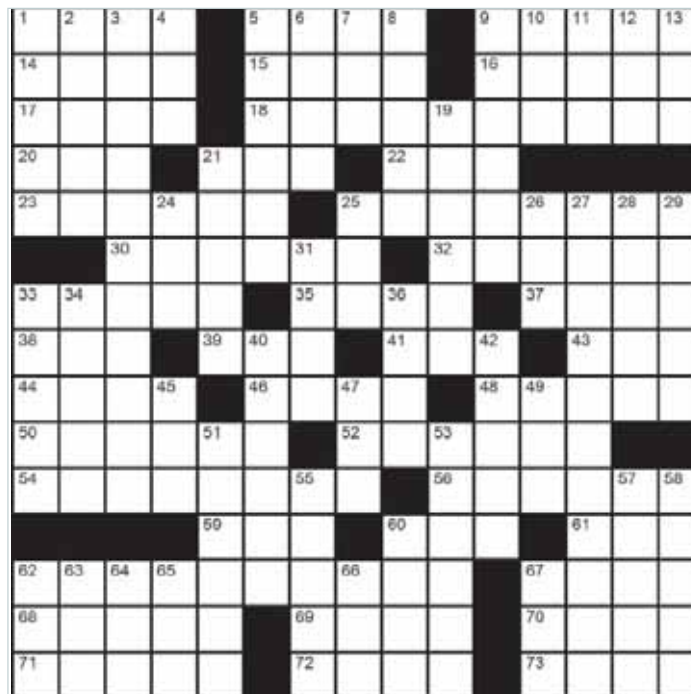
Feb. 20 - March 20

Keep your long-term goals at the forefront of your mind and don't let anyone put you off your quest. So-called friends will come up with all sorts of reasons why you should think again. Be true to your instincts. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Sort
5. Dither
9. Frigid
14. Currency exchange fee
15. Jumble
16. France: Winery river valley
17. Canvas sneakers brand
18. Annual overseas song contest currently underway in Copenhagen
20. "\_\_\_ be better if..."
21. Gallery piece
22. Movie genre, \_\_\_-com
23. Sedately
25. Southern Ontario city; or, ABBA song which was the #18-Across winner in 1974
30. Toronto-born jazz singer, \_\_\_-Claire Barlow
32. The Band's "\_\_\_ Be Released"
33. Hurt
35. Mr. Griffin
37. 'Chant' suffix
38. Mailing encl.
39. Champion
41. Moray \_\_\_
43. Finished with work [abbr.]
44. British streetcar
46. 'Problem' suffix
48. Kimberly Stewart's mom
50. Country singer



- Jason
52. Impaler's weapons
54. Toronto Blues Jays sport
56. Degrees
59. Poet's 'not closed'
60. Mr. Craven
61. Bottle's 'lid'
62. Biosphere Reserve region of Quebec
67. Volcanic shape

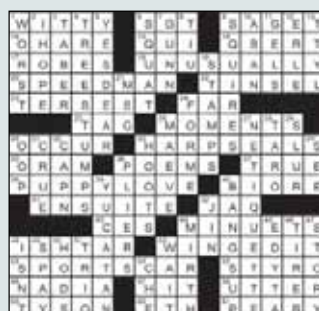
68. Beach item
69. Against
70. Russian river
71. Ms. Blair
72. Egg masses
73. Alter

- dard: "\_\_\_ Kick Out of You"
3. Spring's curly-topped shoots
4. Froms opposites
5. Ms. Crow
6. Seagoing, shortly
7. Galilee's locale [abbr.]
8. Ms. Birch
9. Juno-winning

- musician aka Claire Boucher
10. Uncertain utterances
11. Law: French
12. Ancient veil-giver
13. Study
19. Certain candle
21. Actress Ms. Valli
24. French 'Mrs.'
25. Diminutive

26. Scoreboard letters over 'o o o' at the start of a game of #54-Across
27. War of 1812 heroine, b.1775 - d.1868: 2 wds.
28. Clark Kent's co-worker Jimmy
29. "Get Here" by \_\_\_ Adams
31. "How \_\_\_ Your Mother"
33. Take \_\_\_ at (Attempt)
34. "Cheers" barmaid
36. Prefix with 'angle'
40. Toasty tray tidbit
42. The Great \_\_\_
45. Michie \_\_\_ Canadian rapper
47. PEI part [abbr.]
49. After-Exodus bk.
51. Ancient cloak
53. Tony-winning Canadian actress
- Ms. Smith (b.1921 - d.1993)
55. Mr. Burton
57. Hawaiian island
58. Wheat type
60. \_\_\_-Out (Bic product)
62. Li'l dollar parts
63. Gardener's tool
64. Hole-punching tool
65. Ad \_\_\_ (Relevant)
66. "Thou, too, sail \_\_\_ Ship of State!" - Longfellow
67. Pool stick

## Yesterday's Crossword

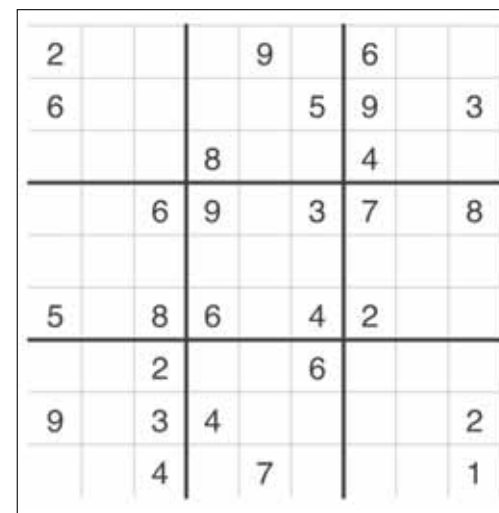


## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



Today



Wednesday



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will be 14 days from now.  
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**\$99 weekly**

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**\$116 weekly**

**2008 Mitsubishi Lancer**

\$21,980 • 92,198 km • Stk: # 35725



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**2010 Nissan Rogue S**

\$12,480 • 108,871 km • Stk: # 35489



**\$61 weekly**

**2012 Fiat 500 Pop**

\$11,760 • 64,825 km • Stk: # N14289-A



**\$49 weekly**

**2012 Subaru Outback PREM**

\$26,650 • 34,067 km • Stk: # 34533 USA



**\$111 weekly**

**2013 Nissan Pathfinder S**

\$29,960 • 6,453 km • Stk: # 35381 USA



**\$108 weekly**

**2014 Nissan Murano CROSSCAB.**

\$43,850 • 13,478 km • Stk: # 35682 USA



**\$182 weekly**

**2012 Chevrolet Malibu LS**

\$12,830 • 68,729 km • Stk: # 35196



**\$54 weekly**

**2012 Volkswagen Jetta 2.0L**

\$14,930 • 41,945 km • Stk: # 35375



**\$62 weekly**

**2010 Mini Cooper CLUBMAN**

\$14,970 • 87,050 km • Stk: # 35294



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\$13,480 • 43,987 km • Stk: # 35328



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\$10,850 • 99,815 km • Stk: # 35115



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\$10,820 • 43,035 km • Stk: # 35405-A



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